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## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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## **WALKATHON A FINANCIAL SUCCESS FOR SENIOR MEALS**

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that the county's Miles for Meals Walkathon raised nearly \$58,000 for senior nutrition programs in the community. The fundraiser was held June 2, 2001 in Highland Park.

"The county's Office for the Aging did a great job coordinating this beneficial event which superceded last years total by \$8,000," said Doyle. "The success of this event is also highly attributed to the seniors who use the meal programs; they were the most responsible for garnering donations."

The money raised will pay for home-delivered meals, special trips, complimentary meals, equipment, and exercise and wellness programs in the various senior centers.

"We rely heavily on these fundraisers because the federal and state dollars we receive for meal programs does not meet our increased demand for the programs," said Doyle. "More than 8,000 people, aged 60 and over, participate in the county's 30 congregate meal programs and Meals on Wheels."

The first meal programs were established in Monroe County more than 40 years ago to improve the nutritional health of senior citizens who have a need for a hot, well-balanced meal that meets Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) guidelines.

Major corporate sponsors at the Platinum level included: Democrat & Chronicle, Monroe Litho, Trident Precision Manufacturing, Wegmans and the Fred & Floy Willmott Foundation, and HCR and Unity Health at the Silver level.

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